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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 02-12

March 19, 2002

Petition of NSTAR Gas Company for Approval of its Load Forecast and Resource Plan for the five-year period 2001/02 through 2005/06 pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69I, et seq.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") has received the petition of NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Gas" or "Company") for approval of its Load Forecast and Resource Plan, encompassing 2001/02 through 2005/06. The Department will review NSTAR Gas' sendout forecast for the appropriateness and accuracy of the forecast, and will review the Company's supply plan for its adequacy and cost.

The Department has scheduled a public hearing to receive comment on NSTAR's plan on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference is scheduled to follow immediately thereafter.

A copy of the petition may be inspected at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Persons interested in commenting on the petition may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
D.T.E. 02-12
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a petition for leave to intervene with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, April 3, 2002. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the

timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments or petitions to intervene must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption (NSTAR Gas Company), (2) docket number (D.T.E. 02-12), (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.state.ma.us/dpu>.

By Order of the Department:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary